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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

April/May 2007

SOWINGS

Dee Yost, my friend and colleague, passed away Monday, March 26th, 2007. I had the privilege of getting to know Dee and work with her when I started as the Administrator for Southeast Library System. At the time, Dee was the Administrator for the Republican Valley Library System (RVLS) in Hastings. I will miss, her wit and wisdom, generous spirit, and knack for doing things right. She was a joy to know.

Dee wrote the following article for ValleyTalk – the RVLS newsletter, in February of 1995. Susan Franklin, Administrative Assistant at RVLS, shared the article and said: “Reading it again made me both weep with sorrow, but also laugh at Dee’s humor and personality, her love of books, and her characterization of her three men.”

The recent deaths of two librarians in the Republican Valley Library System have made me more conscious of my own mortality and of my impending (it will be here sometime) funeral service.

I therefore decided to write down all of my dying wishes regarding my funeral service and place them in the family Bible and the safety deposit box. Then I had second thoughts and I considered pinning them to my chest for ready reference. But knowing how the males at my house tend to step around objects on the floor I figured my body might lay there for months unnoticed. Finally I decided to put them in the refrigerator, acknowledging that this is where they were most likely to be found in the event of my demise.

Today, however, it occurs to me that my best bet is to ask all the librarians/media specialists who read this to clip it out, put it in their vertical file and mail it to my family when I make that final check out. What better group (the best savers and finders in the world) to keep and retrieve my funeral instructions?!

My requests are basically simple. First of all, I want a funeral service not a memorial service. The reason being, of course, is that I must be there. I mean, who will supervise? Besides, I hate the

thought of missing anything.

Load up my coffin with good mysteries, Eleanor Roosevelt’s biography and a Calvin and Hobbes cartoon book. Better make them flame retardant in case my destination plans go awry.

In lieu of flowers, please request that cash (and lots of it) be donated to the giver’s favorite library.

If I have lots of money left over from this life, tell my survivors to consider building the Dee Yost Memorial Library. If I don’t have much left over, I’d settle for the Dee Yost Reading Restroom. You’ll have to watch them closely on this one or they’ll build the Dee Yost Memorial Baseball Field.

I would like an open book carved on my tombstone. I realize that this may seem rather old fashioned considering we are in the technology age. But, you see, as much as I love computers I do not want a marble facsimile of one sitting on me for eternity.

I would also like the following inscribed on the book: This world is not conclusion, a sequel stands beyond, invisible as music, but positive as sound. – Emily Dickinson (Thank you, Emily!)

Thinking positively I try not to imagine myself ending up in library hell where the books are stacked to the ceiling waiting to be put away and there are lines of crabby people eager to protest their two-cent fine.

I would prefer to think of myself floating (with angel wings) around the best-stocked, wonderfully spacious, God’s own automated library where the CLIP plan has already been done. If you think the angel wings are beyond imagination, please pray for librarian amnesty week when librarians may show up in library heaven, no questions asked!

Hey, help me out here. It’s little enough to ask for a life spent loving libraries!

In memory of Dee Renee Yost, born April 13, 1951 in Auburn, Nebraska. Dee’s husband Dan lives in Hastings, her son Kyle lives in Omaha, and her son Kipp and his wife, Mindy, and Dee’s two grandsons, Peyton and Carson live in Castle Rock, Colorado.

—Brenda Ealey, Administrator



Albuquerque

32 librarians had a great time on the bus to the conference—all 19 hours of it! Thanks to the Systems folks for providing the bus!!! About 678 people attended the conference in Albuquerque!

Julie Beno, MPLA Liaison for NLA



STAR (Statewide Training for Accurate Reference)

In 1994 Kathy Tooker, (Eastern Library System) championed constructing a printed resource for Reference Librarians to consult when answering patron questions on various subject. Two resources were used to create the Nebraska STAR Reference Manual; the Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence (MORE) Reference Manual and the California Opportunities for Reference Excellence (CORE) Reference Manual. Subject experts from libraries all over Nebraska contributed their subject expertise to various chapters and provided invaluable bibliographies of resources. The printing of this text was sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association, the Nebraska Library Commission and the Regional Library Systems.

In 1997, Julie Pinnell, (Nebraska Library Commission) converted this resource to an electronic format and solicited updating of several chapters. At this point, the STAR Reference Manual was only located online. In 2006, it was time to give a much needed face lift to an old friend. Comparable online resources from Ohio and Texas were used for inspiration. Once again, updating assistance came from many librarians and a bit of new life was put into a trusted old friend. Now it is time to unveil the new STAR Reference Manual: www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/star/star.html. You'll find the information looks very similar in this new layout but rest assured, updating and changes have occurred.

Since the inception of the online STAR Reference Manual, librarians from the following libraries or systems have inquired about using the STAR Manual for their own reference training: Whatcom County Library System (WA), Edmonton Public Library, Bend Public Library (OR), OPPTS Chemical Library (VA), District Library Antioch (IL), Chippewa Falls Public Library (WI), Greenville County Library System (SC), Clayton County Library System (GA), Ketchikan Public Library (AK), and the Northern Territory Library and Information Service (NTLIS) in the Northern Territory in Australia.

The STAR Reference Manual is an excellent place to begin assembling training materials for your reference team. Sound information on reference techniques and ethics are all contained within. Practical librarians know there isn't any need to recreate a wheel when good ones are already out there. Best of all, librarians are happy to share with others.

What's New from the Commission?

- ⌘ Join us for a full day of **vendor presentations** at The Cornhusker Marriott, **May 1, 2007**, 8:30 - 4:00. Twelve vendors will be presenting sessions throughout the day and also will be on hand to talk with any interested library staff about their products. There will be presentations scheduled for a variety of library products, including those for academic, school and public libraries. Lunch will be provided. Cost to attend is \$10.

To register go to the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp and search on Vendor Day. Vendors from 3M, Follett, Serial Solutions, OCLC, EBSCO, Innovative Interfaces, Wilson, Polaris, Index Data, Tutor.com, and AWE, as well as Commission staff, Christa Burns and Michael Sauers will be there.

- ⌘ Nebraska libraries receive a 20% discount off all **Playaway** orders placed through the Nebraska Library Commission. Discounted prices for each available title are listed on the order form.

Ordering: The Nebraska Library Commission will collect order forms from Nebraska libraries and forward them to Playaway. Your order will be shipped directly to your library, but billing will be through the Nebraska Library Commission. For more information, including ordering instructions, links to order forms, and an extensive FAQ, see: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/playaway.html. There is no minimum order - you can start your Playaway collection with as few as one title if you'd like!

K-12 school libraries will need to contact their Follett Library Resources sales representative to order Playaway digital audiobooks.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to let a member of the Network Services team know, www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/. You can email us at any time.

- ⌘ Nebraska Library Commission Offering **Grants** to Assist in Purchase of 2007 **NetLibrary Shared Collection**. Libraries interested in purchasing the 2007 SOLINET/NEBASE Shared Collection (www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/netlibrary2007.html) can apply for a **grant of \$275** to be applied towards their total cost. The grants are available to academic, public and K12 libraries. To apply visit www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/2007netlibrarygrant.html and fill out the online application form. Grant applications will be accepted through the **May 31, 2007** deadline. Grants will be reviewed and funding awarded throughout the application period. To accept the grant award the library **MUST** submit its order forms to the Nebraska Library Commission for the 2007 netLibrary Shared Collection by **June 13, 2007**.

- ⌘ Five online sessions designed to help librarians become more familiar with the NebraskaAccess databases have been scheduled. They are:

- Books in Print with Reviews / Fiction Connection (May 4)
- WorldCat (June 1)
- NebraskaAccess Databases: The Whirlwind Tour (June 28)
- HeritageQuest Online (July 27)
- FirstSearch Admin Module Basics (September 7)

For more information on the sessions and to register, please go to the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp.



April

- ★ **April 19th: CASTL meeting with Friends and Foundation Members** at Falls City Library and Art Center. We will be highlighting the FOLUSA resources available online, and reviewing thoughts from Sally Gardner Reed's presentation in Nebraska. YA book discussion title for this meeting is *What Are You Afraid Of? Stories About Phobias*, edited by Donald R. Gallo. It's a book of short stories by various YA authors, and a title on the Summer Reading booklist. Bring ideas, thoughts, questions for the afternoon round robin.
- April 20th: S&I (Special & Institutional) Spring Get Together** at Mahoney State Park. Join the group at 6:30 for food and great conversation. For more information, or to RSVP contact Susie Dunn – sdunn@southeast.edu or (402)323-3413.
- ★ **April 21st: Spring Colloquium** with Kate Marek – visit SELS website for more details.
- ★ **April 23rd: Adopt a Library Day.** Go to the Adopt a Library web site www.adoptalibrary.org/, which mentions Little Priest Tribal College and Nebraska Indian Community College as adoptees.
- April 25th: NLA's Diversity Committee Spring Meeting** at Lexington Public Library from 10 to 3. Sally Snyder (NLC YA Library Service Coordinator) will provide information on the importance of Dia de los ninos and Dia de los libros, along with recommendations for Spanish and bilingual books and program ideas. Karen Drevo (Children's Librarian, Norfolk Public Library) will show you how to add Spanish language experiences to storytimes and lapsits – for those who speak little or no Spanish. For registration information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/2071.html.
- ★ **April 26th: SELS Friends Aged to Perfection 2007** at James Arthur Vineyards, 5 to 7 p.m. with wine tasting and an antique appraisal with Tom Bassett: www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/agedtoperfection07.pdf
- April 27th – 28th: Willa Cather Spring Conference** at the Opera House, in Red Cloud, Nebraska. For more information go to: www.willacather.org/.
- April 27th, 28th & 29th: Fifth Annual Brownville Festival of the Book.** Friday, April 27 7:00-9:00 p.m.: "Latin Beats" Dinner at the Brownville Lyceum followed by echopoético – a fusion of slam poetry by Dominique Garay and the Andean rhythms of Oscar Rios \$14.95 Reservations 402-825-4321. Saturday, April 28 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, April 29 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Author Readings includes Mary E. Anderson (*Children*), Denise Brady (*Poet*), Edgar Clemens (*Cowboy Poet*), Mary Connealy (*Romance*), Marcus Galloway (*Western*), Ricardo Garcia (*Story Teller*), Art Homer (*Poet*), Bob Huerter (*Irish*), Jack Loscutoff (*SciFi*), Matt Mason (*Poet*), Sarah McKinstry-Brown (*Poet*), Anna Monardo (*Fiction*), Amy Plettner (*Poet*), Johnny "The Jet" Rodgers (*Sports*), Cyndy Salzmann (*Mystery*), Marge Saiser (*Poet*), Timothy Schaffert (*Fiction*), Mary Helen Stefaniak (*Fiction*), Miles Waggener (*Poet*), Rex Walton (*Poet*) and many more plus Mari Sandoz Heritage Society led book discussion on *Crazy Horse* and lunch time performances by Jumpin' Kate-songwriter Kate Logan. Saturday, April 28 5:00-7:00 p.m.: BBQ at Whiskey Run Creek Winery with bluegrass band "Sum Guise" \$6.95 Reservations 402-825-4601. Full Schedule to be posted to www.brownvillelyceum.com

April 28th: ACLU Annual Dinner in Lincoln – speaker, Steve Shapiro – ACLU National Legal Director. For more information go to: www.aclunebraska.org.

May

May 1st: Vendor Day at Nebraska Library Commission. See page 3 for more details.

May 1st – 2nd: National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC. Participate virtually – go to: www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/virtuallibrarylegislative/vlld.html.

May 5th: Free Comic Book Day – a single day when participating comic book shops across North America and around the world are giving away comic books absolutely free to anyone who comes into their stores. For more information go to: www.freecomicbookday.com/.

May 11th: Public Library Section, SCYP and TUFS Spring Meeting at Eiseley Library in Lincoln.

May 11th: College of DuPage – *The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age*, from 11 a.m. to 12:30. You can view at the Beatrice Public Library, or find additional information at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/dupage/collpageconf20062007.html.

May 11th: Nebraska Library Commissioners meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N Street) from 9:30 to 12. Meeting is open to the public, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls for more information: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us, (402)471-2045 or (800)307-2665.

★ **May 18th: 2007 SELS Training Extravaganza** at Hamilton College with Ron Hull, speaking about the One Book One Nebraska author Mari Sandoz,. See page 13 and 14 to register.

★ **May 18th: Joint College & University and TSRT Spring Meeting**, “Next Generation Library” at Union College in Lincoln. Contact Sharon Mason for more information: masons@unk.edu.

June

★ **June 15th: CASTL Meeting/NEMA Training** in Seward – sponsored by Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) and SELS. See page 11.

June 22nd – 26th: American Library Association conference in Washington DC.

★ **June 29th: SELS Annual Meeting**. See page 10 for more information.

July

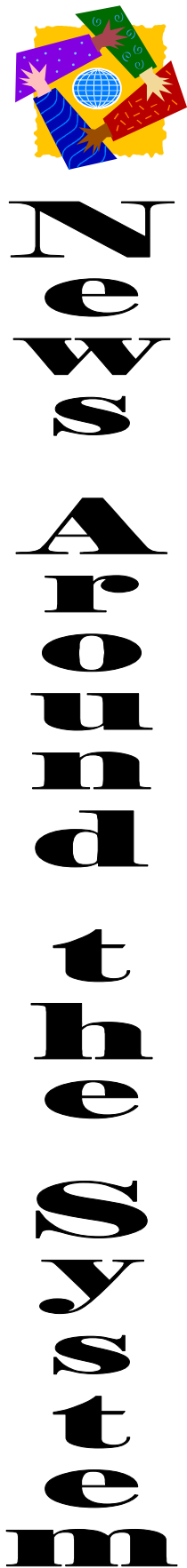
★ **July 9th – 13th: Library Leadership Institute** at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler. If you’re interested in applying go to the SELS website at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/index.html. Please visit the SELS website for more details.

★ **July 14th: SELS Friends** private showing of **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**. You do not need to be a SELS Friends member to attend, and are encouraged to invite family and friends to join you at the movie. See page 9 for details.

100 years

It’s the 100th Anniversary of the building of the Carnegie Library in DeWitt, and Director Gerry Powers has been printing interesting tidbits from the library board minutes during the building process and the early years of the library. Excerpts:

- “In September of 1907 the cornerstone for the Carnegie Library was laid. Total cost: \$3,472.”
- “Motion prevailed instructing the librarian to notify the board of the name of any person acting in an ungentlemanly or unlady like manner while in the library room.”
- “The library was an important addition to the town and everything went fine until Feb. 9th, 1963 when the entire south wall of the 56 year old building collapsed. Mrs. Howlett [the librarian] remembered to lock the door as they exited the library, went home and called the board president.”
- “Librarian, Miss Hazel Dunn received \$11.00 for 22 weeks work at .50 a week [in 1906].”



April activities at **Morton-James Public Library** in Nebraska City:

Saturday, April 14 - York College Traveling Children's Theatre Presents: "The Jack Tales" a Collection of Blue Ridge Mountain Folk Tales 2:00 p.m.

During National Library Week the Morton-James Public Library will host the following activities:

Tuesday, April 17 - "Books n Brew" - Stop by the Kimmel Gallery from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for refreshments. Check out the new books.

Wednesday, April 18 - There will be guest readers for the preschool story time sessions held at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A special drawing will be held at all of the story time sessions.

Thursday, April 19 - A Teen Quarter Auction to raise money for teen programs will be held in the Kimmel Gallery, starting at 6:30 p.m. Guest auctioneer will be Kristy Francis. Refreshments will be served during the auction.

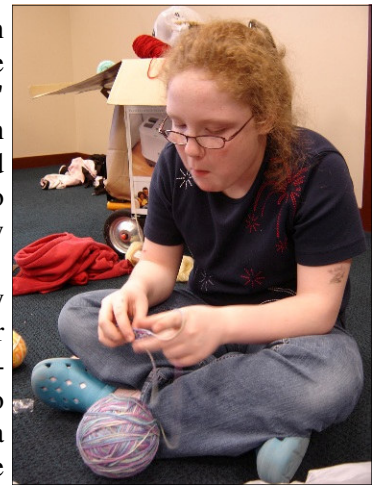
Saturday, April 28 - "*Promise in a New Land - Migrating and Settling in Nebraska*" Presented by Cherrie Beam-Clarke at 2:00 p.m.

Louan Beard, Library Assistant

Seward Memorial Library wants to challenge children to learn new skills as well as reading for enjoyment. The new library after school program "Hooks and Rooks" proved popular this spring. Children in third through eighth grade learned more about the game of chess and improved their skills. Others were excited about learning how to crochet. The number of participants continued to grow throughout the 10-week long session.

During National Library week someone from the Library staff will roam the community of Seward looking for library patrons. The staff person may randomly ask an individual to show their library card. Those who are able to do this will be rewarded with a five dollar bill. Owning a library card is a valuable asset, and some people will be personally reminded of this during National Library Week.

Seward Memorial Library invites the community to join in the annual National Library Week celebration. The library is hosting several special events during the week of April 15 through 21, as well as adding daily surprises for visiting patrons. On Monday, April 16, Lincoln Journal Star columnist, Pat Leach will review the Best of the Notable Books List 2004-2006 at 7 p.m. The library will announce the 2007 All Seward Reads Together title during the evening. Preschool children who have pre-registered may participate in the one-hour Teddy Bear Picnic on Tuesday, April 17 which begins at 11 a.m. in the library meeting room. On Thursday night the library is hosting a Business After Hours reception for Seward Area Chamber of Commerce members. The winner of the Library After Hours Teen Photo Contest will be revealed on Thursday at the 8 p.m. teen gathering. Stop in and help the library celebrate. You could be a winner.



Charlotte Baldinger, Library Assistant

Weeping Water Public Library is hard at work on their Summer Reading Program and plans for the 90th anniversary of the library in September.

Jan Aronson, Director

News and Notes



Posters Promote Free Talking Books

“Helen lost her eyesight. Not her love of reading.” This spring each Nebraska public library will receive new posters featuring Helen, a blind senior citizen who continues to read through talking books. One poster is for the library’s use. The other is for librarians to take at their discretion to a locale in their community where seniors like to congregate, such as a café.

The Nebraska Library Commission’s Talking Book and Braille Service now offers 59,000 book titles and 120 magazines for individuals who cannot use regular print because of visual or physical impairment. This free service includes a cassette player and delivery and return of materials postage-free through the U.S. Postal Service.

Contact Talking Book and Braille Service with your ideas concerning how we can help you reach out to individuals in your community who can no longer use regular print. 800-742-7691 or talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us.

“I can’t image what my life would be like without talking books,” states Joyce, one of our Nebraska readers.

Dave Oertli, Director
Talking Book and Braille Service, Nebraska Library Commission

New Plans for Librarian’s Toolbox

We are pleased to announce the addition of **ELEVEN NEW LESSON PLANS** to the NebraskAccess Librarian’s Toolbox. These lesson plans have been designed to enhance the research and information seeking skills of K12 students in Nebraska. Lesson plans address a variety of national, state, and local standards. Assessment tools are provided for each lesson plan.

Here are the titles of the recently-added lesson plans:

- Adventures with Amazing Animal Facts
- Boolean Search Using WilsonWeb’s OmniFile Full Text Database
- Designing an Ecologically Sound City
- Ecosystems
- Extra! Extra! Read All About Them!
- Famous Inventions/Inventors
- Genre Study
- Hey, Hey, The Blues is All Right!
- Lewis and Clark Expedition Fact Books
- Life Beyond Google
- State Research Assignment

We hope these lesson plans will meet the need expressed by various media specialists for examples of how NebraskAccess resources can be integrated into the K12 curriculum. Many thanks to Dr. Becky Pasco’s Fall 2006 Reference class for creating these lesson plans and generously agreeing to share them with colleagues across the state!

Lesson plans are located in NebraskAccess in the Librarian’s Toolbox:
www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/lessonplans.html

Susan Knisely, Online Services Librarian
Nebraska Library Commission



News and Notes

Online Reading Lists

Nancy Keane is familiar to many librarians. She recently announced her vast number and subjects of reading lists are now a wiki, for all to use and add to. This is a tremendous resource for children's and teen librarians. See the URL below, hope you find it useful! She has lists by Genre, Readership Targeted, Read Alouds and Read Alikes.

Please stop by and feel free to use it and update it: <http://atn-reading-lists.wikispaces.com/>

Sally Snyder, Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services
Nebraska Library Commission

Free Medical CD for Libraries

It's done - a new CD directed at librarians sharing medical information with the public. It's called, "So You Have a Medical Question?"

Following are the tutorials contained on the disk.

- Unit 1 - Introduction (1:22 min.)
- Unit 2 - MedlinePlus (10:15 min.)
- Unit 3 - GoLocal (1:09 min.)
- Unit 4 - PubMed (6:36 min.)
- Unit 5 - Science Resources (3:56 min.)
- Unit 6 - Evaluation (1:03 min.)
- Unit 7 - Distance Education (3:40 min.)
- Unit 8 - Membership (1:13 min.)

Great for use with your staff, and even your patrons. No need for high speed access to Internet. These tutorials are available with a quick click! And it's available for FREE. Just contact me at magee@unmc for your copy today!

And if you haven't started or renewed your free membership with the National Network/Libraries of Medicine, do so today at <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/services/network/>

Marty Magee, National Network/Libraries of Medicine, Education and Nebraska Liaison
McGoogan Library of Medicine, Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center

**Laura Johnson, CE Coordinator at NLC states that you can earn 1 CE credit toward your Public Librarian recertification requirements by completing the 8 short units on the new "So you have a Medical Question?" CD that Marty Magee describes above --which should take about half an hour. Then send an email to Linda Jensen at Ljensen@nlc.state.ne.us that says "I finished the 'So you have a Medical Question?' tutorial on [fill in date]." Please include your name and library.

Genealogy Librarian Blog

Genealogy Librarian News at: <http://genlibrarian.blogspot.com/>. The blog was initiated by Tom Kemp (Thomas.J.Kemp@gmail.com) who began an e-mail newsletter of the same name Genealogy Librarian News in the late 90's. The blog is a way to spread the word on news, announcements and other items of interest to genealogy librarians. Check it out.



Free Parking - No Lines - Refreshment Specials - Door Prizes

Where: Lincoln Theatre - yet to be determined
Doors open at 9:30 a.m., Show starts at 10:00

To reserve your seat, please send your payment, postmarked by July 7 to:

Southeast Library System
5730 R Street, Suite C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505

Please include your name, phone number and email address.

Advance sales: Friends members \$7.50
Non-members \$10.00

At the door: \$12.00 for everyone

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EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

The Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association accepts nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

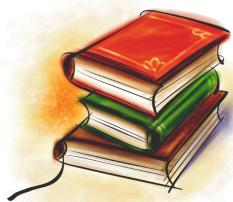
- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association. Send a statement of nomination with a description of the nominee's contributions to any Excalibur Nomination Committee member. Supporting letters of nomination and other materials may also be submitted with nomination. Deadline for nominations is **August 1**.

Person Nominated _____
 Library and Address _____
 Telephone Number _____
 Nominated By _____
 Address _____
 Telephone Number _____

Send nomination forms by August 1 to:
 2007 Excalibur Award Committee Chair:
 Diane Downer ddowner@geringlibrary.org (308) 436-7433
 Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street, Gering, NE 69341

SELS Annual Meeting



Friday- June 29th, 2007 \$15- includes lunch

We will be exploring **The Archives & Special Collections** of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries from 10 a.m. to noon. It is composed of manuscripts, university records, and rare book collections and is located in the Don L. Love Memorial Library on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus.

Lunch will be at Misty's downtown, with the business meeting to follow, also at Misty's.

Annual Meeting Registration

Name _____ Phone _____
 Library Institution _____

Please send this form, with your \$15 fee, by June 22nd to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.



CASTL & NEMA

jointly present

Bridging the Moat: Expanding the Conversation Among Small Town Librarians and Media Specialists

June 15th, 2007

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Seward Memorial Library

233 S. 5th St., Seward

Doors open at 8:45 a.m., lunch on your own

9 a.m.-12 p.m.: The Golden Sower K-3 “big list” – Check out the big list of books which will be winnowed down to the top ten. Which ones will be worthy? Dub your favorites for Golden Sower knighthood. This is a chance to explore books you haven’t seen, provide ordering ideas, and be a Golden Sower voter.

1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Choose from:

1. Chivalry isn’t Dead Round Table - Chance for participants to share ideas, problems, trouble shooting, summer reading woes and more.
2. Knights in Shiny Tech Armor – online instruction, social bookmarking and hands-on practice with library resources that slay all dragons — be they students, teachers, or customers.

*You are encouraged to carpool with other media specialists and/or public librarians from your community.

*There will also be prizes – just for coming!



We would like you to register so we know how many to set-up for.

Registration deadline is **Friday, June 8, 2007**. No charge for attending.

Name: _____

School/Library: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send registration form to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

check this out

From NLC blog post by Christa Burns, April 2, 2007
www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/nlc/index.html

Del.icio.us, podcasts, folksonomies, Technorati, RSS, Flickr, blogs, wikis....

Are you curious about these web tools? Want to learn more about them, but don't have a clue where to start?

Then check out **Learning 2.0** (<http://plcmclearning.blogspot.com/>) "an online self-discovery program that encourages the exploration of web 2.0 tools and new technologies", developed by Helene Blowers, Public Services Technology Director for the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County (North Carolina).

Helene originally created the program to train her staff in the latest web technologies. Now it is available for free on the web for any libraries or organizations to use.

Participants are guided through **23 Things** (<http://plcmcl2-things.blogspot.com/>) - short exercises to help them explore Web 2.0, such as creating blogs, setting up RSS feeds, uploading videos to YouTube and adding pictures to Flickr.

"The last thing we want is for people to come into our libraries and ask about Flickr or Second Life and be met with a blank look," said Christine MacKensie, director of the Yarra Plenty Regional Library in Melbourne, Australia, quoted in a Wired magazine article about the program.

This program is an easy way to bring these technologies into your library and to your patrons. And all of the 23 Things exercises use free, web-based tools – so there is no need to download and install any software!

Helene said it best in her first blog post for the Learning 2.0 program. These 23 Things will help you "learn more about emerging technologies on the web that are changing the way people, society and libraries access information and communicate with each other."

Explore the 23 Things and expand your Web 2.0 knowledge! Then come back here and share what you've learned!

Check out the Commission's blog for all sorts of interesting conversations and information.

Mark your calendars and get in your registrations now!

Mem Fox is coming back to Nebraska!

Where Is the
Green Sheep?



She will be presenting *Dirt Roads or Highways? Two Different Directions to Literacy* and *Reading Aloud So People Stay Awake, Stay Active and Stay With You* on Wednesday October 24, 2007 in Kearney before the NLA/NEMA Conference.

Please visit www.readaloudnebraska.org/mem_fox_registration.pdf to get more information and to register. Space is limited, so please start planning now!



The 8th Annual

Southeast Library System Training Extravaganza!

May 18, 2007
9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Hamilton College
1821 K Street, Lincoln
Cost: \$10 (lunch on your own)
5 hours of CE credit available

A whole day devoted to library training for every member of your staff! We will have sessions on One Book One Nebraska author Mari Sandoz, new technology, blogs and wikis, personnel issues and much more! Three workshops will run simultaneously, allowing you to pick and choose what you will attend. See the next page for a full listing of courses. Seating for some courses is limited, so register early! Dies and die cut machines will be available during lunch and after the sessions.

Registration — Training Extravaganza

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Library/Institution: _____

Email address: _____

To register, please fill out this form and circle which sessions you plan to attend on the next page. Send that page, this form, and your \$10 registration fee, by **May 11, 2007** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Thanks! Sign in will begin at **9 a.m.** the day of the workshop, and the first session will begin at 9:30. See you there!

Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:

9:30 — 10:30 a.m.

Keynote with Ron Hull

What do you know about this year's One Book One Nebraska author Mari Sandoz? Mari Sandoz and Ron Hull became friends in 1956 and their friendship lasted through their final visit in New York City just before her death in 1966. During these years Sandoz and Hull created 18 half-hour television programs. This presentation is based on those conversations about her approach to creative writing, in which she reveals a great deal about herself, her career and her life and the making of the book: *Crazy Horse— Strange Man of the Ogallalas*.

10:45—11:45 a.m.

The Social Web

Michael Sauers

Nebraska Library Commission

Time Magazine's person of the year for 2006 was "you." Just why are "you" so important? It's all because of the phenomenon known as The Social Web. This presentation will introduce you to just what the Social Web is, its impact, and many of the ways that librarians can participate.

Books to read in pairs

Vicki Wood

Lincoln City Libraries

Sometimes one book just leads to another and you find yourself making odd and interesting connections between books you've read. Vicki will present some of her favorite books that are linked by setting, subject or character or sometimes just by feeling.

Tips & Tricks for Windows

Scott Childers

University of NE-Lincoln

Don't let the computer control you; you control the computer. Scott will present helpful tips and tricks to help you wrest back control of your computer.

LUNCH!! 11:45 a.m. —1 p.m.

1 — 2 p.m.

Personnel Issues: "We don't want to fight the law!"

Adam Prochaska

Harding & Shultz Law Firm

The law wins. Now you can win too—with help for your most pressing personnel questions from an employment law specialist.

How to Encourage a Love of Reading

Joan Jacobs

Lincoln Public Schools

This session will focus on presenting methodologies that have a track record of hooking reluctant readers on books as well as creating enthusiasm about reading in children who already consider themselves readers. How can we keep students motivated to read, and what should we avoid when trying to accomplish this goal?

WorldCat Genealogy

Susan Knisely

Nebraska Library Commission

WorldCat allows searchers to not only discover potentially valuable resources, but also identify libraries that own them—invaluable resources to a genealogy searcher. Come find out their links to genealogy material.

2:15—3:15 p.m.

Youth-focused round robin

Come talk to your peers about the great ideas, issues, and suggestions you have for keeping the youth-from children to young adults- involved at your library.

Inviting Library Spaces

Gary Meier & Patricia

Kauffman

Library Consulting

How to use your library space to your best advantage. Color theory, space planning, furnishings, and more, inexpensively.

SELS up to speed

Brenda Ealey & Jenni Puchalla

Southeast Library System

SELS' wiki functions as a message board, FAQ, and an opportunity for you to join in the discussion. And check out the SELS' blog — created to keep you up-to-date with Training and System activities

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
February 2nd, 2007
Greenwood, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Scott Childers (University of NE – Lincoln Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (Levitt Library-York College); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); (Nebraska Library Commission), Sally Snyder (Nebraska Library Commission), John Dale (Nebraska Library Commissioner)

Board Members Absent: Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center Library); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)

Agenda

I. Introductions: In the absence of President, Sandy Elton, Vice President, Jan Thomsen called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for December 1, 2006 was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried.

III. Board Resignation: Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library) has resigned from the SELS Board. She will be retiring as a library media specialist at the end of the school year. It was decided that her position on the Board will remain vacant since nominations and elections for the new board will take place this spring at which time the vacancy will be filled. Becky Baker will complete her second term on the board this spring and will be going off the board. Kris Rogge has completed her appointed term and Tom Schmitz has completed his first term on the board and are eligible to serve another term on the board. Both have expressed an interest in serving another term.

IV. Transaction/Financial Report: Jenni commented about the financial and transaction reports and answered questions from board members. The board discussed possible revenue options beyond current support. Business advertising in the newsletter was suggested as a possible source for additional funds and will be put on the April's board agenda. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Karen Frank. Motion carried.

V. System Health Insurance Bill: Legislative Bill 572 is now before the legislature. This bill provides the option for Nebraska Regional Library Systems' administrators and staff to participate in the state's health insurance plan. There would be no additional cost to the state if the bill is passed. New to the bill this year is the proviso that to qualify for participating in the state's health insurance, 90% or more of the funding for the Systems must be provided by the state. Passage of the bill is seen as a possible recruitment and retention tool for the Regional Library Systems.

VI. Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from December 1, 2006 to February 2, 2007 as outlined in her written report. Brenda and Becky Baker taught another Basic Skills class in December. CASTL meetings were held in December and January. CASTL online discussions continue on a variety of subjects. Brenda also visited Palmyra Public Library in December. The SELS office provided information and assistance with e-rate and Bibliostat. Preparations have started for the Summer Reading Workshop on February 16 in Seward. Bradshaw 5-8 School is closing to join Henderson schools. Brenda discussed with them the possibility of opening a Bradshaw Public Library in some of the vacated space and what would be involved in such an undertaking. Brenda attended the Nebraska Regional Library Systems (NRLS) Administrator's meeting in December and worked on an LSTA grant for computer literacy training. In December, Brenda also met with Becky Baker, Francine Canfield and Kathy Tooker about the Administrative Course of Basic Skills and evaluation for future planning. In January, Brenda attended the NRLS meeting in Lincoln, the NLC/Systems quarterly meeting in Lincoln and the NLA Board Meeting in Omaha. Discussions at these meetings included the NLA/NEMA Preconferences for 2007 & 2008, Cherie Longmuir's resignation from the Panhandle Library System at the end of April, RSS feeds, One Book One Nebraska, One Book for Nebraska Kids/Teen, and the 2007 Library Leadership Institute. At the end of January, Brenda attended the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting at Lexington Public Library. Brenda helped with the NLC & NRLS exhibited at the Nebraska Association of County Officials conference in December. Also in December, Brenda helped host a reception for the Nebraska Senators along with Glenda Willnerd, Nancy Larimer and Mary Reiman. Helped select the youth to be recognized on NLA Legislative Day along with Kathy Tooker, Mary Reiman and Nancy Larimer. Brenda attended a Nebraska ACLU meeting in Omaha and also met with the NLA Legislative Committee. SELS again did the post-cards for NLA Legislative Day and Brenda and Jenni helped distribute them. Brenda also noted that her computer has been having some problems that have required Jenni's time and effort. Brenda also noted that Sally Reed will be speaking in Fremont on March 28 on "Maximizing the Value of Friends", that Karen Hyman will be at the Customer Service Basic Skills course in Columbus on April 4, and that the SILS Training Extravaganza will be on May 18 at Hamilton College. Brenda also asked the board for input, ideas, and suggestions on the "Draft of SELS Case" that Brenda put together as a follow-up to the training sessions she attended on the importance of getting your message/story out as to who you are, what you do, and your purpose for being. Several board members commented on the draft, providing additional thoughts. The CP Committee will continue to work with Brenda to develop the document.

VII. NLC Report: Sally Snyder distributed a summary of her January/February report. NLC now has a blog. The NLC offers the College of DuPage Teleconference presentations on a regular basis. The Now Hiring @ Your Library project team is now demonstrating the new website and introducing the new version of OPAL. The Commission has negotiated discounts on various products and services. See the Committee website for additional information. Youth Grants for Excellence for 2006 were distributed to twenty-one public libraries or systems. The One Book for Nebraska Kids book will be Rescue Josh McGuire. Flickr Training is being offered by NLC.

VIII. Annual Meeting Plans: The board discussed possible locations for the June annual meeting. UNL was suggested as a possible site. Rebecca Bernthal will see about arrangements.

IX. Board Round Robin: Do to time constraints; the board omitted this agenda item.

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

April/May 2007



Dee Yost at Perkins Library, Hastings College - Fall 2001

This world is not conclusion;
A sequel stands beyond,
Invisible, as music,
But positive, as sound.
It beckons and it baffles;
Philosophies don't know,
And through a riddle, at the last,
Sagacity must go.
To guess it puzzles scholars;
To gain it, men have shown
Contempt of generations,
And crucifixion known.

-Emily Dickinson, 1862

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